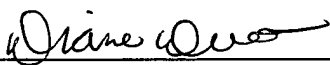


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In re application of:

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FOR POLYPEPTIDE ENGINEERING**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period of response for one month from October 1, 2003 to November 3, 2003 (November 1, 2003 being a Saturday);

- 2) Copies of three previously submitted IDS/Substitute PTO Form 1449s;
- 3) Fee Transmittal; and
- 4) Transmittal Form.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.